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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST
TRIP

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1. ACTING POLCOUNS CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (MIDDLE EAST) MAHDI MASUD AUGUST 23 AND BRIEFED HIM ON SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP DRAWING ON REFTEL B.

2. MASUD SAID ON BEHALF OF GOP HE GREATLY APPRECIATED BRIEFING AND AMERICAN INTEREST IN KEEPING GOP INFORMED OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. HE NOTED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS INFORMATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL AGHA SHAHI WHO HE WAS SEEING AFTER THE MEETING.

3. MASUD NOTED THAT GOP'S VIEW, BASED ON READINGS FROM THEIR MIDDLE EAST EMBASSIES, WAS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN USG'S. FOR EXAMPLE, GOP THOUGHT THAT CHANCES FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE BY END OF YEAR WERE SLIM AT BEST. MASUD REITERATED STANDARD PAKISTANI LINE THAT IT SEEMS THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING ALL THE CONCESSIONS WHILE THE ISRAELIS MAKE NONE. IN SUCH A SITUATION, REAL PROGRESS IS NOT POSSIBLE. IN SPITE OF GENERAL NEGATIVE PROGNOSIS,
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MASUD SAID GOP APPRECIATES CONSTRUCTIVE AMERICAN ROLE AND WISHES US WELL. HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT OUR CHANCES FOR SUCCESS HOWEVER.
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